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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Bob Casey  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND  
POLLUTION PREVENTION

Dear Senator Casey:

Thank you for your May 8, 2020 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Slippery Rock University's (SRU) application to the Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Grant Program.

Since 2003, American businesses and communities have benefited from EPA's SRA grant program to identify innovative and resourceful ways to reduce and eliminate waste and pollution prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal—with remarkable success. SRA grants have contributed to broad-scale behavioral changes in sectors of small business (dry cleaning, metal fabrication, metal finishing, print shops); industry (hospitality, healthcare, food, beverage and processing, agriculture); and public sectors (state, local, city and tribal governments). This year, SRA grant priorities have a pinpointed focus on industrial sectors by aligning with several industries identified under the agency's Smart Sectors initiative. Through SRA grants, EPA delivers direct technical assistance using research, investigation, experiments, education, training, studies, and/or demonstration of innovative techniques onto a host of technical assistance beneficiaries (e.g., state agencies, federally-recognized tribes, intertribal consortia, businesses, facilities, trade associations, municipal/local governments, and/or local communities) who then dedicate their time and passion to finding comprehensive solutions for improving the public health and environment of their surrounding communities.

EPA appreciates receiving the application from SRU and is currently conducting its internal SRA grant application review in accordance with the agency's grant competition policy. Our internal application review process is designed to evaluate each application according to the evaluation criteria listed in the grant Request for Applications in order to select the highest quality grant applications. The EPA anticipates selecting SRA grant projects in the summer with projects to begin in the fall. Additional information on the SRA grant program can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention#p2grant>.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Sven-Erik Kaiser in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov) or (202) 566-2753.

Sincerely,

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